404/26A Permit Application For The Huntsville Remedial 'Action Plan

At **Huntsville**, Alabama

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APPLICATION FOR

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and/or

Tennessee Valley Authority Section 26a Approval

The Department of the Army (DA) permit program is uthorized by Section 10 of the Riwr and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of The Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). These laws require permits authoriting structures and word in or futting navinable waters of the United States and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Section 26e of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, as amended, prohibits the construction, operation, or maintenance of any structure affecting navination, flood control or public lands or reservations across, along, or in the Tennessee River or any of its tributerims until plans for such construction, operation, and maintenance have been submitted to and proved by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Two sets of original drawings on 8"x10-1/2" tracing paper or good reproducible copies which show the location end character of rive proposed activity must be tached to this policetion (see sample drawings) and be submitted to the District Engineer and appropriate TVA office at this addresses listed below. An policetion that is not complete will be returned for additional information, information in the application is made a matter of public record through issuance of public notice, if warranted. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary; however, the data requested are necessary in order to communicate with the policetion.

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Location where activity exists or will occur (include Stream Name and Mile, If known)

U.S. Army, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL Huntsville Spring Branch River Mile 2.4 to 4.0

(See accompanying drawings)

Application submitted to

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TVA @Yes No

Date activity is proposed to commence

Date activity is proposed to be completed

Names, addrearer, sod telephone numbers of adjoining property owners. lessees, etc.. whose properties also join the waterway.

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List of previous DA/TVA permits/approvals

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Permit Number

TVA N/A

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A. DA/TVA July 1979 Permit Application Form (Description of Proposed Activity (Continued)

voting delegates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of Alabama (Department of Environmental Management) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Nonvoting members of the Review Panel include a representative from the town of Triana, Alabama and a representative from Olin Corporation.

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B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The central element of Phase 11 of Olin's Remedial Action Plan is a diversion of the Huntsville Spring Branch (HSB) around the contaminated channel between HSBM 3.4 and 2.4. This section of the Huntsville Spring Branch is located within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge on Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama (See Drawing R1). Primary project components (shown on Drawing R2) include:

- 1) Reoccupation of the North Staging Area for placement of construction trailers, project offices, equipment washing, etc. The North Staging Area was utilized previously in Upper Reach A (Phase I Remedial Action Project) construction activities.
- 2) Construction of a security fence around the project area, HSBM 2.4 to 4.0;
- 3) construction of access roads and bridge crossing;
- 4) excavation of a new channel between HSBM 2.4 and 3.4;
- 5) establishment of two'stockpile areas for storage of excavated

fill material;

6) construction of four diversion structures, No. 4 from HSBM 3.40 to 3.90, No. 5 at HSBM 3.40, No. 6 at HSBM 2.66, and No. 7 at HSBM 2.55, and;

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7) filling in of three areas of contaminated sediments and construction of swales to conduct surface drainage around the filled areas.

Each of these components is described below (not in construction sequence):

1) Reoccupation of the North Staging Area

The North Staging Area previously constructed during Phase I of the Huntsville Remedial Action Plan will be reoccupied. This five-acre site includes space for a contractor's office and storage areas, material storage, and private vehicle parking.

Also included are equipment maintenance and washing facilities, fuel storage facilities, and a change house which provides a lunchroom, shower, and first aid facilities. Drawing R4 shows the North Staging Area in plan view. Access Road D will provide access between the North Staging Area and Lower Reach A (HSBM 4.0-2.4) as seen in Drawing R4.

2) <u>Construction of a **security**</u> fence

Prior to the start of construction, a four-foot high, three-

strand barbed wire project boundary fence will be erected around the perimeter of the site. The fence will be 11,605-feet long and will extend the boundry of Upper Reach A. A gate at the intersection of Dodd Road and the levee will be required to allow Redstone Arsenal personnel access to the pumping station. An additional gate will be installed at the intersection of Roads D and G.

3) Construction of access roads and bridge crossing

Construction of access roads will be required due to the nature of the soils throughout the project area. Access Road G, approximately 4,420-feet long, will connect with Access Road D and will provide access for construction of the new channel, construction of Diversion Structure No. 4, and filling of Area 1. The cross section of Access Road G is seen in Drawing R6.

To facilitate access **to** and construction in the area south of the new channel and west of Diversion Structure No. 5, a temporary stone bridge with five culverts placed at proper inverts will be constructed in the new channel. This temporary structure will allow normal flow through the channel while providing access to fill Areas 2 and 3 and Diversion Structures 6 and 7.

Access Road I, approximately **2,440-feet** long, will provide access for construction of Diversion Structures Nos. **5,** 6 and

7, and for filling of Areas 2 and 3. Cross sections of

Diversion Structures No. 5, 6 and 7 are shown in Drawing R5. A

cross section of Access Road I is shown on Drawing R6.

4) Excavation of a new channel

A new 1,490-foot long channel will be excavated (i.e. dragline, backhoe, etc.) to a bottom elevation of 551.5 from HSBM 2.4 to 3.4 to divert the Huntsville Spring Branch around fill Areas 2 and 3. Approximately 26,400-cubic-yards of material will be excavated from this 60-foot wide channel (bottom width) and will be stockpiled adjacent to the channel for use in the filling operations. A cross section of the new channel is shown in Drawing R6.

5) Establishment of stockpiles

Material excavated during construction of the new channel will be stored in two stockpiles. Stockpile Area 1 is on the north side of the new channel and will cover about 1.38 acres.

Stockpile Area 2, on the south side of the new channel, will cover approximately 1.95 acres. Upon completion of the project, the stockpile areas will be graded to conform to surrounding topography, topsoil will be added, and the areas will be revegetated. A typical stockpile cross section is shown in Drawing R7.

6) Construction of Diversion Structures

Four diversion structures are required for Phase II of the Remedial Action Plan. To facilitate construction of Diversion Structures No. 4 and 5 the HSB flow may be temporarily channelized through culverts in the south levee. The flow will proceed along an existing drainage ditch and reenter HSB at approximately HSBM 2.5. The culvert pipes will be equipped with closure gates which can quickly be closed to prevent the impounding of water on Test Area $1 \cdot$ Each diversion structure will be built to an elevation of 561-feet and will be of stone construction. Diversion Structures No. 4 and 5 will have a single wall sheet pile center core at various locations along their lengths. These locations can be seen in Drawing R2. Diversion Structures 6 and 7, due to their location in the HSB, will not require sheet piling. Diversion Structure No. 6 will be 130-feet long and will be one of two diversion structures built to isolate Area 2. Diversion Structure No. 5, approximately 930-feet long, will be the second structure built to isolate Area 2. A cross section showing a typical section of structures Nos. 5 & 6 is shown in Drawing R5.

Diversion Structure No. 4, approximately **2,600-feet** long will be located upstream of the new channel and will divert the flow around Area 1. A cross section of this structure is shown in

Drawing R6.

Diversion Structure No. 7, located downstream of the new channel, is approximately 450-feet long and will isolate Area 3. A cross section of this structure is shown in Drawing R5.

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7) Filling of Areas 1 2. and 3

Area 1 isolates 24.6 acres of contaminated HSB channel and overbank. This area will be filled to elevation

555-feet MSL. A 9-inch layer of crushed stone will then be deposited atop geotextile fabric, followed by a soil layer g-inches to one-foot nine-inches thick. A 3-inch topsoil layer will be added and vegetated. The soil fill will consist of material excavated from the new channel, supplemented by offsite fill. A typical construction sequence for the fill areas is shown in Drawing R8.

Area 2 is located between Diversion Structures Nos. 5 and 6 and includes 6.9-acres of the Huntsville Spring Branch. It will be filled to an elevation of **554-feet** MSL with soil fill. The filling operation will thereafter be identical with Area 1.

Area 3, approximately **0.5-acres,** is located behind Diversion Structure No. 7. The filling operation will be identical to Area 2.

C. HYDRAULIC CONSIDERATIONS

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Phase II of the Remedial Action Plan includes the installation of a new channel section of the Huntsville Spring Branch hetween HSBM 2.4 and 3.4 and the filling-in of portions of the former, bypassed channel. It is important that the hydraulic characteristics of the new channel be equivalent to or better than the existing channel so as to not cause any increased incidence of flooding within the Redstone Arsenal or upstream within the City of Huntsville. This was one of the seven objectives specified in the Consent Decree.

In order to design an equivalent or better channel, hydraulic modeling was performed to define the required cross sectional area of the new channel. This comparative modeling was performed using the HEC-2 Water Surface Profile Program as developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center of the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers (Version November 1976, updated March 1982). It was determined that the new channel should have a bottom width of 60 feet and cut to a bottom elevation of 551.5 feet MSL.

The new channel was compared under a variety of flow conditions and pool stages to the existing HSB channel between HSBM 2.4 and 3.4. Lower Reach A was modeled based on profiles of 20 transects from surveyed data. These were supplemented with additional points to completely define the area between the existing levee to the south and the ridge to the north. The proposed Remedial Action Plan for Lower Reach A was modeled by modifying 11 of the original survey transects to include the Diversion

Structure No. 4 and Fill Area 1, and constructing an additional 10 sections from proposed sections and the existing topographic map. The water stage elevation at HSBM 3.9 was used as the reference backwater point for all flow and existing versus new channel comparisons. If the stage elevation at this point was the same or lower in testing the new channel hydraulics versus the existing channel, the new channel would be equal to or better with regard to hydraulic capacity and thus not have the potential to cause an increased incidence of flooding within the Redstone Arsenal or the City of Huntsville.

Flow conditions tested were 250 CFS and 7,000 CFS (lo-year flood flow). Table 1 exhibits the results of the hydraulic modeling. Based on the modeling results, the net result of the filling activities in Phase II of the Remedial Action Plan is a reduction of flow area and causing a slight increase in hydraulic losses and flow elevations upstream. However, the 0.13-foot increase in the IO-year flood elevation and the 0.45 foot increase at low flow in the HSB appears insignificant and within the range of model error.

D. PROJECT EFFECTS ON TVA FLOOD AND POWER POOL

- 1) Power Pool (elevation 550, to 556.') = (-)46.8 net acre-feet (net-loss)
- 2) Flood Pool (elevation 550' to 579.') = (-)89.4 net acre-feet (net-loss)

E. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The construction schedule shown on Exhibit 1 is designed to take

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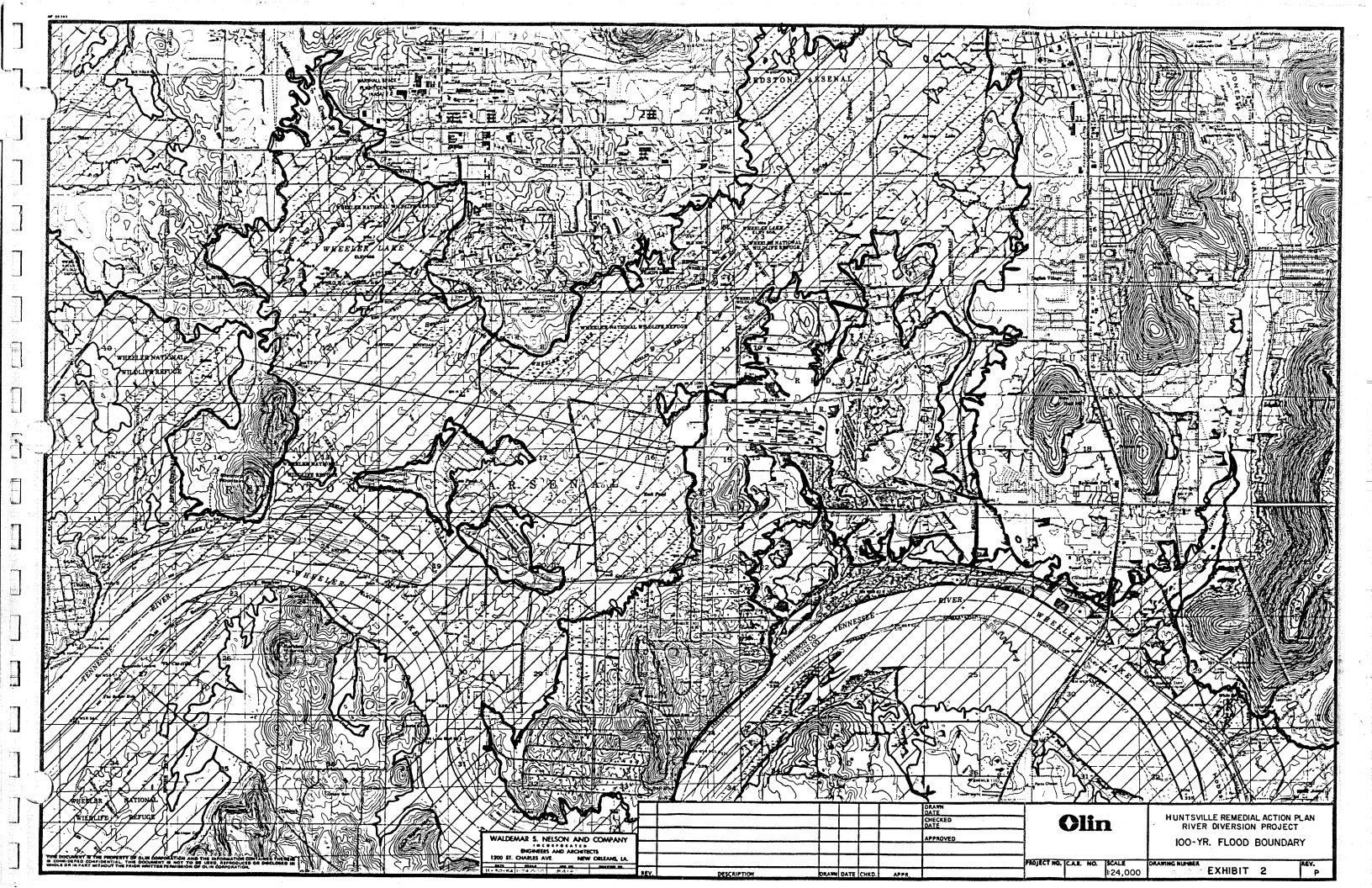
advantage of low water conditions (historical records from gaging station HSBM 2.4) for construction of access roads and diversion structures. Water levels are typically highest during April $_{\rm through}$ $_{\rm July}$.

TABLE1

RESULTS OF HYDRAULIC MODELING

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Recommended Remedial Action Plan	564.90	565.48	+0.58	+0 •13
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NOTE: A 100-year flood event was evaluated to determine the impact of the Lower Reach A Remedial Action Project. Exhibit 2 shows the flood boundary for a 100-year backwater flood. A backwater flood from the Wheeler Reservoir is more severe than headwater flooding from Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek. Exhibit 2 shows widespread areas of inundation would result from the 100-year flood event. By comparison, under this condition, the proposed modifications to the ground surface within Lower Reach A are insignificant and would have a negligible effect on the resulting severity of the flooding conditions.



F. WETLAND AND UPLAND IMPACTS

a) Uplands Vegetation

Implementation of Phase II of the Remedial Action Plan will necessitate some modification of upland vegetation communities. A portion of Access Road G will be constructed primarily in mixed pine-hardwood or planted pine forest. The approximate area involved is given in Table 2.

TABLE 2

ACRES OF UPLAND VEGETATION IMPACTED

Uplands Lost:

Access Road G

0.72 acres

0.72 acres

b) Wetland Vegetation

Similarly, implementation of the Remedial Action Plan will necessitate modification of wetland vegetation communities. Several types of modifications will be involved. In some instances, implementation of various elements of the project will require the permanent conversion of wetlands to non-wetlands. In other instances, one type of wetland may be converted either temporarily or permanently to another type of wetland habitat. The project elements which will affect wetland areas are:

construction of Access Roads G, and I; excavation of the new channel between HSBM 2.4 and 3.4; filling of Areas 1, 2, and 3; construction of Diversion Structures 4, 5, 6, and 7; and construction of Stockpile Areas 1 and 2. The type of modification and the approximate acres involved are given in Table 3.

TABLE 3 ACRES OF WETLAND VEGETATION IMPACTED

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1. WETLANDS LOST	Acres
a. Access Roads	5.41
b. Diversion Structures	3.16
2. WETLANDS PERMANENTLY MODIFIED	
a. Scrub/Shrub Swamp to Open Water	
1. Excavation of New Channel	4.21
b. Open Water to Either Mixed Pine/Hardwood Fo or Scrub/Shrub	prest
1. Filling of Areas 1, 2, and 3	31.96
3. WETLANDS TEMPORARILY MODIFIED (Until Revegetate	d)
a. Stockpiles 1 and 2 b. Temporary Diversion Ditch and Berm	3.33 0.69
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G. <u>CUT AND FILL **QUANTITIES**</u>

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2.	Excavate New Channel	26,399		444
3.	Diversion Structure No. 6		-	1,683
4.	Diversion Structure No. 4			35, 036
5.	Access Road I			6, 597
6.	Diversion Structure No. 5			7,130
7.	Diversion Structure No. 7		-	6,308
8.	Fill Area 1		53, 253	15,971
9.	Fill Area 2		21,523	6, 833
10.	Fill Area 3		2, 074	656
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Soil From Off-site Source = 50,550 cy

Rock From Off-site Source = 93,686 cy

H. <u>PERMIT APPLICATION **DRAWINGS**</u> (Attached)

